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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: PAUL F. GARDNER  
DATE/CASE ID: 26 JUN 1998 199604320

2. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 13, THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
AND THE STATE COUNCIL HELD A MEETING OF PARTY AND  
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT LEADERS TO HEAR A JUNE 9 SPEECH  
MADE BY DENG XIAOPING TO MARTIAL LAW TROOP

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COMMANDERS; LI PENG, QIAO SHI, AND YAO YILIN WERE FEATURED. THE BEIJING PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU ISSUED A WANTED CIRCULAR FOR THE ARREST OF 21 LEADERS OF THE BEIJING AUTONOMOUS STUDENTS UNION FOR "INCITING AND ORGANIZING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLION IN BEIJING." TODAY'S PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ATTACKING FANG LIZHI AND US INTERFERENCE IN CHINESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS; IT WARNED THE U.S. TO CONSIDER THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF SINO-US RELATIONS. THE VOA CORRESPONDENT WAS TOLD TO LEAVE CHINA IN 72 HOURS BY THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT TODAY; AP REPORTER JOHN POMFRET IS MEETING WITH THE POLICE AT 1700 TODAY AND MAY SUFFER THE SAME FATE. PLAINCLOTHES SECURITY OFFICIALS QUICKLY INTERVENED AND INTERROGATED AT LEAST ONE VISA APPLICANT OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY. INCREASED ARMED PAP PRESENCE CONTINUES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AREA AND TWO OUT OF THREE GATES TO EACH OF THE HOUSING AREAS REMAIN CLOSED TO CARS. THE JAPANESE DCM IS LEAVING FOR TOKYO TODAY (JUNE 14) FOR CONSULTATIONS. THE JAPANESE BELIEVE THAT THEIR CITIZENS SHOULD NOT YET BE ADVISED TO RETURN TO BEIJING. THE MEDIA CONTINUES TO BROADCAST INTERVIEWS WITH VARIOUS FOREIGN MANAGERS IN SHANGHAI WHO EXPRESS THEIR CONFIDENCE IN CONTINUING TRADE ACTIVITIES IN

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CHINA DESPITE THE CURRENT SITUATION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TOLD US JUNE 14 THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY SEEN A CENTRAL PARTY DOCUMENT DIRECTING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH IN TANDEM WITH MOVES AGAINST PRO-DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS. OF OUR PRINCIPAL TRADE RIVALS, ONLY THE ITALIANS ARE DOING "BUSINESS AS USUAL." THE BRITISH HAVE CANCELLED TWO MINISTERIAL VISITS WHICH HAD COMMERICAL MOTIVES, AND THE CANADIANS AND THE WEST GERMANS HAVE WITHDRAWN ALL OF THEIR COMMERCIAL OFFICERS. END SUMMARY.

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3. CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND STATE COUNCIL LEADERS STUDY DENG XIAOPING SPEECH

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JUNE 13'S EVENING NEWS AND JUNE 14'S PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTED THAT THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE STATE COUNCIL CALLED A MEETING OF PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT LEADERS ON JUNE 13 TO HEAR A SPEECH MADE BY DENG XIAOPING TO ARMY COMMANDERS OF THE MARTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TROOPS ON JUNE 9. LI PENG, AS A MEMBER OF THE POLIBURO'S STANDING COMMITTEE AND PREMIER, PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING WHILE QIAO SHI,

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IDENTIFIED AS A POLITBURO STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER,  
READ THE SPEECH. LI CALLED ON ALL DEPARTMENTS TO  
ORGANIZE TO STUDY DENG'S SPEECH. HE URGED THE NEWS  
MEDIA TO "QUICKLY TAKE THE STAND OF THE PARTY AND THE  
PEOPLE AND DOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO PROPAGATE THE  
PRINCIPLE OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, EXPOSE THE  
CRIMES OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELS." LI SAID  
THAT THE "CHINESE PEOPLE WILL NOT YIELD TO OUTSIDE  
PRESSURE." YAO YILIN, AS A POLITBURO STANDING

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COMMITTEE MEMBER AND VICE-PREMIER, ALSO SPOKE.

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4. WANTED CIRCULAR ISSUED FOR ILLEGAL STUDENT  
ORGANIZATION LEADERS

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ON JUNE 13 THE BEIJING PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU ISSUED  
A WANTED CIRCULAR FOR THE ARREST OF 21 LEADERS OF THE  
AUTONOMOUS STUDENTS UNION OF BEIJING UNIVERSITIES  
(ASUBU), ACCUSING THE ORGANIZATION OF "INCITING AND  
ORGANIZING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLION IN  
BEIJING." THE CIRCULAR, SHOWN ON CCTV JUNE 13 AND IN  
PEOPLE'S DAILY JUNE 14, INCLUDED PHOTOGRAPHS, NAMES,  
AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE "WANTED:" WANG DAN,  
WUER KAI XI, LIU GANG, CHAI LING, ZHOU FENG SUO, ZHAI  
WEI MIN, LIANG QING TUN, WANG SHENG YUN, ZHENG XU GUANG.  
MA SHAO FANG, YANG TAO, WANG ZHI XIN, FENG CONG DE, WANG  
CHAO HUA, WANG YOU CAI, ZHANG ZHI QING, ZHANG BO LI, LI  
LU, ZHANG MING, XIONG WEI, AND XIONG YAN. THE JUNE  
13 CCTV REPORT INCLUDED FOOTAGE TAKEN FROM A  
SURVEILLANCE CAMERA IN A HOTEL DINING ROOM OF WUER  
KAI XI AND OTHER STUDENT LEADERS EATING DINNER ON MAY  
29 (DATE IMPRINTED ON VIDEO). THE NARRATOR SAID THAT  
WUER AND OTHER STUDENT LEADERS WERE "STUFFING THEIR  
BELLIES WHILE COLLEAGUES FASTED". IN FACT, THE  
HUNGER STRIKE HAD ALREADY ENDED BY MAY 29.

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5. PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ATTACKS FANG LIZHI AND  
US INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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THE JUNE 14 PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED AN EDITORIAL ON ITS FRONT PAGE ENTITLED "CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS CANNOT BE INTERFERED WITH." THE EDITORIAL REVIEWS FANG AND HIS WIFE'S COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES. NOTING THE STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF SINO-US RELATIONS, THE EDITORIAL WARNS THAT IN THE US "THERE IS A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HOSTILE TO COMMUNISM AND TRY TO USE THEIR BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY AND BOURGEOIS POLITICAL SYSTEM AS A MEANS TO INFLUENCE" THE CHINESE PEOPLE. FURTHERMORE, THE RECENT "TURMOIL AND COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY REBELLION" ARE THE RESULT OF THE UNCHECKED SPREAD OF BOURGEOIS LIBERALISM, FANNED BY VOA. THE EDITORIAL WARNS THAT OTHERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONSIDER THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF THE SINO-US RELATIONSHIP.

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6. VOA CALLED IN BY BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT  
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VOA CORRESPONDENT AL PESSIN WAS CALLED IN BY THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AT 1630 HOURS TODAY. HE WAS TOLD THAT HE HAS 72 HOURS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. CHINESE OFFICIALS CHARGED HIM WITH "SPREADING RUMORS" AND SAID THAT HE HAD VIOLATED SEVERAL MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS. AS OF THIS WRITING, PESSIN IS STILL AT THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE. HE TAPE-RECORDED THE EXCHANGE WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS, BUT THEY REFUSE TO LET HIM LEAVE WITH HIS (AUDIO) TAPE. THE CHINESE USED BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO TO TAPE THE MEETING. PESSIN REFUSED TO LEAVE WITHOUT HIS TAPE. THE CURRENT SITUATION IS A STANDOFF. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH PESSIN BY PHONE AND WILL SEND AN EMBOFF

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TO ASSIST AS SOON AS THAT BECOMES NECESSARY. PESSIN  
DID NOT WANT AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE  
MEETING AND, FOR THE TIME BEING, HE DOES NOT WANT AN  
EMBASSY OFFICER TO GO TO ASSIST HIM. WE WILL MONITOR  
THE SITUATION CAREFULLY AND SEND ASSISTANCE IF THAT  
BECOMES NECESSARY OR IF OUR COMMUNICATION WITH PESSIN  
IS BROKEN.

AP'S JOHN POMFRET WAS ORDERED TO REPORT TO THE  
BEIJING PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU AT 1700 TODAY (JUNE

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14). AN EMBASSY OFFICER IS ACCOMPANYING POMFRET.

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7. SECURITY PERSONNEL MONITOR EMBASSY

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ALTHOUGH UNIFORMED PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE PRESENCE HAS INCREASED AROUND THE EMBASSY, THERE OBVIOUSLY IS AN INCREASED INTEREST BY PLAIN-CLOTHES SECURITY PERSONNEL. LATE THIS MORNING A STUDENT REQUESTED POLOFF ASSISTANCE WITH A VISA REFUSAL OF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. ARRIVING AT THE CHANCERY, THE STUDENT CHECKED WITH THE CHINESE PAP GUARD AND WAS MET BY POLOFF WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO ERBAN AND THE CONSULAR SECTION. AS THE PAIR WALKED TO ERBAN, TWO PLAINCLOTHESMEN ARRIVED--PERHAPS 90 SECONDS AFTER POLOFF ARRIVED--AND INTERVENED. AFTER EXAMINING THE STUDENT'S PAPERS, THE PLAINCLOTHESMEN LET THE STUDENT GO. THE STUDENT WAS OBVIOUSLY QUITE SCARED BY THE INCIDENT.

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8. CONTINUED PAP PRESENCE NEAR DIPLOMATIC COMPOUNDS

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AN EMBOFF REPORTED THAT THE MILITARY MAINTAINED A CHECKPOINT AT THE JIANGUOMENWAI OVERPASS LAST NIGHT. ALL VEHICLES WERE WAVED OVER AND IDENTIFICATION CHECKED. THE CHECKPOINT WAS CLOSED DOWN AT 0600. THE OVERPASS IS NOT FAR FROM THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY THE ARMY AND REPORTEDLY IS SERVING AS HEADQUARTERS OF SORTS.

IN ADDITION TO THE DOUBLING OR TRIPLING OF PAP GUARDS AT USUAL LOCATIONS, TWO PAP GUARDS ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS REMAIN ON GUARD JUST BEYOND THE NORTH ENTRANCE OF THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC HOUSING AREA. TWO OF THREE ENTRANCES TO BOTH THE JIANGUOMENWAI AND QIJIAYUAN HOUSING AREAS REMAIN CLOSED EXCEPT FOR FOOT AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC. THERE ARE TWO ARMED PAP GUARDS NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE CLOTHING FREE MARKET NOT FAR FROM THE EMBASSY ON JIANGUOMENWAI DAJIE.

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9. JAPANESE AGREE THAT ITS TOO EARLY FOR CITIZENS TO RETURN

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JAPANESE DCM KUBOTA TOLD US THAT HE WILL RETURN TO TOKYO FOR CONSULTATIONS TODAY (JUNE 14). HE AGREED WITH US THAT DESPITE OFFICIAL CHINESE CLAIMS TO THE

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CONTRARY, BEIJING IS NOT RETURNING TO NORMAL AND THE  
CITIZENS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE ADVISED  
TO RETURN YET.

10. JUNE 13 CCTV EVENING NEWS BROADCAST INTERVIEWS

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WITH VARIOUS FOREIGN MANAGERS IN SHANGHAI WHO EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN CONTINUING TRADE ACTIVITIES IN CHINA DESPITE THE CURRENT SITUATION. AMONG LAST NIGHT'S COMPANIES WERE MARUBENI, MITSUBISHI, SUMITOMO, SIEMENS, AND AN AMERICAN COMPANY (SOUNDED LIKE RH MACY). THE PREVIOUS EVENING THE EUROPEAN MANAGER OF THE HUA TING SHERATON HOTEL MADE A SIMILAR APPEARANCE.

11. PARTY REPORTEDLY DIRECTS ATTACKS AGAINST UNDERGROUND CHURCH  
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[REDACTED] TOLD US JUNE 14 THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY SEEN A CENTRAL PARTY DOCUMENT DIRECTING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH, I.E. ABOUT TWENTY BISHOPS AND TWO HUNDRED PRIESTS.

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[REDACTED] THAT THE AUTHORITIES WILL MOVE AGAINST THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME THAT THEY ARE MOVING AGAINST PRO-DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT A BISHOP JIA FROM HEBEI HAS ALREADY DISAPPEARED; HE WAS REPORTEDLY PICKED UP IN BEIJING AND CANNOT NOW BE ACCOUNTED FOR.

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12. STATUS OF TRADE RIVAL COMMERCIAL REPS IN BEIJING  
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FOLLOWING IS THE STATUS OF OUR MAJOR WESTERN AND  
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JAPANESE TRADE RIVALS IN BEIJING. AS IS APPARENT, EXCEPT FOR ITALY, ALL ARE PROCEEDING ON A "BUSINESS NOT AS USUAL" BASIS:

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--CANADA HAS NO COMMERCIAL OFFICERS LEFT IN BEIJING;

--WEST GERMANY HAS NO COMMERCIAL OFFICERS LEFT;

--AUSTRALIA HAS ONE JUNIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICER LEFT;

--FRANCE HAS DRAWN DOWN TO HALF ITS COMMERCIAL STAFF;

--THE UK HAS DRAWN DOWN TO ONE OFFICER AND ONE  
SECRETARY FROM FIFTEEN OFFICERS. IN ADDITION, TWO  
MINISTERIAL VISITS WITH TRADE ANGLES HAVE BEEN  
CANCELLED;

--JAPANESE EMBASSY SITUATION REPORTED SEPTTEL:  
EMBASSY HAS STAFF BUT THEY ARE AVOIDING MEETING WITH  
CHINESE OFFICIALS;

--OF OUR PRINCIPAL TRADE RIVALS, ONLY THE ITALIANS  
ARE DOING "BUSINESS AS USUAL."

13. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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